

CHICAGO FIRE ENTAILS LOSS OF FIFTEEN MILLIONS

Riverside Hotel At Reno is Totally Destroyed Early Today

FAMOUS HOSTELRY OF METROPOLIS OF NEVADA IS BURNED TO GROUND—FIRE ORIGINATED IN ENGINE ROOM

Scores of Guests Escaped From Upper Windows Building Through Aid of Firemen, While Two Children Were Taken From Blazing Room.

(By Associated Press)
RENO, Mar. 15.—Scores of guests escaped from the upper windows in their nightclothes when the Riverside hotel, the largest here, was destroyed by fire early today. The fire is believed to have started in the engine room, and broke out at 2 o'clock, and the flames spread upward quickly. The guests, aroused by the smoke, found the stairways cut off. Most of them were rescued by firemen with ladders.

The firemen prevented the flames from spreading to other buildings. Several thrilling rescues were reported, among them being that of two children from a blazing room. Scarcely clad, the guests were cared for in surrounding homes. The mild night saved them much suffering from exposure. Estimates of the damage are lacking early this morning. Practically all guests' effects are believed lost. The hotel was a 12-story brick structure by the Truckee river.

The fire started in the basement, presumably from a defective wiring, spread rapidly to elevator shaft and all parts of the building, and preceded by dense clouds of suffocating smoke. The smoke was so dense that few guests attempted to save their personal effects. Two children and a man reported missing were later found safe.

The damage is estimated by S. J. Giese, the owner, at \$250,000, with insurance of \$100,000.

California Labor Leader Would Be Governor

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Mar. 15.—Friends of Seth R. Brown, president of the State Federation of Labor, announced he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor this year. Brown declined to make a statement.

SILVERTON TO BECOME ACTIVE THIS SUMMER

Contract Awarded to Sink Shaft On Treasure Hills for Another 100 Feet.

The campaign of development which was recently mapped out by the Treasure Hills Nevada Mines company, operating at Silverton, will be carried to a successful termination, and within the next few days activity will be manifesting itself in that locality.

Harry C. Stimler, moving spirit in that corporation, who recently returned from an extended visit to New York, is back from the camp of Silverton, where he spent three days looking over the property and completing plans for the development that is to follow, has awarded a contract to Briz Putman for the sinking of the shaft another 100 feet. The shaft has a present depth of 160 feet, and a splendid mineral showing is in evidence, and in the drifts extended both north and south from the bottom of the workings a highly commercialized body of ore is exposed.

As soon as weather conditions will permit and the road is in condition to permit of heavy travel, the big 7-ton portable compressor at the Gibraltar mine will be moved to Silverton. In the meantime the gasoline hoist will be used and sinking will proceed with the use of hand steel.

GOMPERS SAYS FEDERATION TO ASSIST HEROES

(By Associated Press)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Mar. 15.—President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, today informed the national headquarters of the American Legion that organized labor would give "every encouragement" to the Legion's campaign to relieve unemployment among the veterans of the World War. "Thousands of members of the American Legion are also members of trade unions," Gompers wrote.

De Valera Launching International Party

(By Associated Press)
DUBLIN, Mar. 15.—Eamonn de Valera has issued a manifesto launching a new Irish organization, the objects of which are to obtain international recognition of the Irish republic, and repudiation of the proposed agreement with Great Britain.

Senate Committee Splits On Eligibility

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—The senate judiciary committee today split on the question of the eligibility of Senator Smoot and Representative Burton for membership on the allied debt commission. The majority held them ineligible. Both views go to the senate.

RAW WOOL RATES TO REMAIN IN EFFECT

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—Existing rates on raw wool from the west destined to manufacturing points around Boston, were held reasonable today by the interstate commerce commission examiner who reported his recommendations after investigating the complaint of the Boston wool trade association.

CIRCUS OWNER MAY BE SHOT BY OWN WIFE

Letter Found in Which Brunen Informed Sister He Feared Wife Would Kill Him.

(By Associated Press)
RIVERSIDE, N. J., Mar. 15.—County authorities were in possession of a letter said to have been written by John T. Brunen, circus proprietor, slain at home last Friday, in which he told of an alleged attempt on his life by his wife, Doris, and his intention of making a will cutting her off with \$1. He said he had been living in fear of his life, and expressed the belief that he was being framed on by his own household. The letter was addressed to a sister.

Senate Defeats Effort to Amend Treaty

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—For the third time the senate today defeated the effort to amend the four-power treaty to permit of participation of outside nations in international conferences over Pacific controversies. It defeated the Pittman amendment, 50 to 28.

SHIP SOLD PREVIOUS TO OPENING OF BIDS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—Secretary Denby today told the house naval committee that the steamship Great Northern, formerly the flagship Columbia of the Atlantic fleet, was sold by the shipping board prior to the date set for the opening of bids, but with the distinct understanding that any bidder offering more than the sale price would get the ship.

WORST CONFLAGRATION IN RECENT YEARS IN WINDY CITY AND WHOLE SQUARE OF BUILDINGS IS WIPED OUT

Every Structure in That Area Is Destroyed, Including a 21-Story Building of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad—The Origin Unknown.

NO COMMISSION IS NEEDED, SAY MINERS

(By Associated Press)
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Mar. 15.—Disapproval of the appointment of a government commission to effect a settlement of the threatened coal strike on April 1, was expressed in a telegram sent to Secretary of Labor Davis by President Farrington, of the Illinois Mine Workers.

REVOLUTIONARY FORCES OUSTED RAND DISTRICT

Artillery, Tanks and Airplanes Used in Capture of Fordsburg From Revolvers.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Mar. 15.—With all sectors of the disaffected area in South Africa cleared of rebels, except certain portions at Johannesburg or the central region of the Rand, the struggle apparently has entered its final phase. Jappertown, in the east end of Johannesburg, seems to be the principal remaining center of resistance. Tanks and airplanes were used in the capture of Fordsburg from the revolutionists.

PITTMAN OFFERS NEW TREATY AMENDMENT

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—A new amendment to the four-power treaty presented today by Senator Pittman provided that in any future controversy outside nations having an interest in the Pacific should be called into the conference "for consideration" of the subject. In two previous proposals the words "for consideration and adjustment" were used, and the participating powers were not limited to those having an interest in the Pacific.

POLICE CHIEF SMITH ENTERS ON NEW DUTY

O. H. Smith, newly appointed chief of police of Tonopah to fill out the unexpired term of W. R. Cochran, resigned, assumed the duties of his office this morning at 7 o'clock. Bright and early Chief Smith, accompanied by his chief deputy, N. L. Schade, appeared at police headquarters and took over the affairs of the office. As deputy chief and constable, Mr. Schade will look after the affairs of the office, and be on day shift. Wm. Rogers, formerly connected with the fire department, will be on night duty, and the second selection will be made late this afternoon following a meeting of the American Legion when the name of some member of that organization will be suggested for the position. One of the first official acts that Chief Smith was called upon to perform was to summon a jury to appear before Justice Cuddy at 10 o'clock this morning to sit in judgment upon an assault case.

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Mar. 15.—A spectacular early morning fire today destroyed a full square of business buildings just outside of Chicago's "Loop" district, with a loss estimated at from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000. The fire started in the center of the block bounded by Van Buren, Canal and Clinton streets and West Jackson boulevard, and was of unknown origin. It burned every structure in that area, and leaped north across Jackson and wrecked the 21-story Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad's general office building, which also housed the Mercantile Trust and Savings bank, and under the burden of the strong wind, dipped over to Van Buren street southward and burned nearly through another block to Harrison street. One fireman was killed and many persons injured. There is some suspicion of incendiaryism, but a man arrested for investigation later was freed. The new Burlington building which stood the heat which was so terrible that the fire escape on the side facing the street became red hot, and bent of its own weight. The ornamental tile on the building crumbled in the heat and hot blast, breaking through the windows, destroyed the interior decorations in many rooms and wiped out everything made of wood. It is estimated over 25,000 persons were made jobless through the fire.

OBERCHAIN DEFENSE ATTORNEY EXPLAINS

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Mar. 15.—Neither Madeline Oberchain nor Arthur C. Birch, co-defendants, had anything to do with the shooting of J. Edgar Kennedy, according to the burden of the argument of Alfred F. MacDonald, defense attorney at Mrs. Oberchain's trial on the charge of the murder of Kennedy.

Bowden Funeral Will Take Place Tomorrow

Funeral services over the remains of the late John Bowden, who died at the Mine Operators hospital on Monday afternoon, will be conducted from the undertaking parlors tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Little is known concerning the deceased, other than that he has a daughter, 13 years of age, who is a pupil in the public schools.

BUTLER THEATRE
TODAY
CONSTANCE TALMADGE
—AND—
HARRISON FORD
(A Pair That Is Hard to Beat)
—IN—
"WEDDING BELLS"
A typical Talmadge comedy, dealing with the divorce courts. "I Won't—I Can't"—and 2-reel Comedy, "HOLY SMOKE"
—TOMORROW—
ALICE JOYCE
—IN—
"THE INNER CHAMBER"
COMING — "SHAME"
WATCH ANNOUNCEMENT

THE WEATHER

Local Observer, United States	
Weather Bureau:	
Temperatures	5 a.m. Noon
Current	24 34
Wet bulb	18 28
Relative humidity	16 40
Temperatures, Extreme	
	1922 1921
Minimum yesterday	34 45
Maximum yesterday	23 26

TO CLOSE HOSPITAL ODD FELLOWS HALL

The auxiliary hospital established in Odd Fellows hall to take care of the overflow of patients suffering with the flu, who could not be taken care of at the Mine Operators hospital, will be closed tomorrow. There are four patients in the new hospital at this time, but they have so far recovered that they can be removed with safety to the Mine Operators hospital.

NEGRO ELECTROCUTED FOR MURDER WOMAN

(By Associated Press)
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Mar. 15.—Maurice Mays, negro, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Bertie Lindsey, of Knoxville, paid the death penalty in the electric chair at Tennessee state prison here today.

Governor California Sasses Assemblyman

(By Associated Press)
SACRAMENTO, Mar. 15.—The declaration that it was the duty of the last legislature to enact legislation reappropriating the senatorial and assembly districts and that it was not the duty of the governor to call a special session for that purpose, was contained in a letter from Governor Stephens to Assemblyman White, of Los Angeles, replying to a letter from White criticizing the governor's decision not to call a special session. The governor assailed White's "professed affiliation with the better America federation and your readiness to respond to the crack of its whip to serve the great utility interests as against the rights of the people."

TONY ANDERSON IS SENT TO HOSPITAL

Tony Anderson, or Andres, was adjudged a mental incompetent in the district court yesterday afternoon and was ordered committed to the state hospital. Anderson, or Andres, has been a source of much annoyance to the town officials, as well as a number of people, during the last few weeks. He is the owner of a few houses and has invariably bothered the tenants, in some instances causing sick people to suffer relapses when they were virtually on the road to recovery.

MISS SOPHIE BARNDT SHOWS GREAT TALENT

Tonopahns to the number of many hundred were treated to a rare entertainment last night at the Butler theatre when Miss Sophie Barndt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Barndt, appeared in Egyptian and Spanish dances. The young lady is considered unusually proficient, and being a girl who was born in Tonopah, it will prove pleasing to the people to know that she is to continue her studies during the coming winter under the tutelage of Ruth St. Denis at the famous Denishawn studio in Los Angeles. She is to be fitted for the stage with a view of having her appear in grand opera. Little Miss Barndt shows great aptitude and has been a pupil under Manteille Eracle of San Francisco, former ballet director of the French grand opera.

JOSEPH EHRLICH, postmaster and merchant of Arrowhead, is a visitor to Tonopah.